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### **District Man Convicted of Manslaughter in March 2010 Slaying in Northeast Washington - Victim Shot While Trying to Break Up Altercation -**

WASHINGTON - Marcus C. Silver, 30, of Washington D.C., has been convicted by a jury of manslaughter while armed and other charges in a slaying that took place in March 2010 in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

A jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia also convicted Silver of charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and various firearms offenses. The verdict was returned February 17, 2011. The Honorable Judge Gerald I. Fisher, who presided at the trial, scheduled sentencing for April 22, 2011.

According to the government's evidence, members of the Fourth District of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were called about 7:40 p.m. on March 10, 2010 to the unit block of Hawaii Avenue NE. Upon arrival, they found the victim, Shadawnchea Gardner, 26, outside an apartment building. He was suffering from a single gunshot wound to the back of the head, and died later that night.

An investigation revealed that Gardner had accompanied Silver's ex-girlfriend and another woman to Hawaii Avenue that evening to get a video game from Silver. The ex-girlfriend got into a physical altercation at the scene with Silver's current girlfriend. While Gardner was trying to separate the women, Silver walked up to him and shot him in the head. Silver also fired at his ex-girlfriend, who was not injured. He then fled the scene.

At approximately 12:45 a.m. on March 11, 2010, the defendant was observed drinking in a public building in the 1300 block of Fort Stevens Drive NW. He was recognized to be the individual who was being sought in the shooting on Hawaii Avenue and subsequently arrested.

Subsequently, two pistols were recovered from under a vehicle near the Hawaii Avenue address. One, a .25 caliber semi-automatic, was identified as the murder weapon. A witness also

had observed a man matching the description of the defendant placing something in the area where the guns were found shortly after the shooting.

In announcing the verdict, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the investigative efforts of the lead detective, Carol Queen, formerly of the Homicide Unit, and Detectives Dwayne Partman, Monica Shields and Michael Fulton of the Homicide Unit. He also acknowledged the work of Fourth District Officers Jeffrey Masalona, Darenn Bemiller, as well as Detectives Ebony Boyd, Alfonso Matos, Clifton Murphy, and Eric Garcia -Burgos.

U.S. Attorney Machen also cited the efforts of officers and technicians who worked on the case from MPD's Forensic Services Division, including Keith Slaughter, James Savage, Julius Smith, Petheria McIver, Kemper Agee, Brenda Floyd, Ridley Durham, Tony Nwani, and Ralph Nitz. He also expressed appreciation to MPD Officer Maria Nicholson, Deputy Medical Examiner Carolyn Revercomb, Firearms Examiner Michael Mulderig, Marcey Rinker of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Paralegal Specialists Sandra Lane and Alesha Yette, and Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Soroka, of the Homicide Section, who prosecuted the case.

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